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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b>  Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	STAN-276 9855
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	Title	<i>Methods for detecting asymmetric dimethylarginine in a biological sample</i>

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated October 18, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before January 18, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.